AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for tying together objects, at least one of which is a bone part, using a surgical cable comprising the steps of laying the surgical cable made of a polymer fiber, having two end parts, around at least part of the objects to be tied together; connecting the end parts of the cable together, ~~urging the objects together by~~ exerting a force on the ~~two~~ end parts bringing the cable under a tension required for tying together ~~, further tensioning the surgical cable around~~ the objects with the help of a device, and locking the tensioned cable against the influence of forces acting counter to the exerted force.

2. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the polymer fiber is a high performance high molecular weight polyethylene fiber.

3. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the exerted force is a torsion force.

4. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the cable is a twisted yarn having an eye at least at one of the end parts.

5. (Original) Method according to claim 4, wherein the cable has an eye at both ends.

6. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 4, wherein the force is exerted on the cable through the eye or the eyes.

7. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 5, wherein a torsion force is exerted on a twisting device running through the eyes.

8. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the cable is a loop of fibers that has been closed by a splice which is folded around the bone parts forming two returning ends in the cable as end parts.

9. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 8, wherein a torsion force is exerted on the cable through the returning ends.

10. (Original) Method according to claim 9, wherein the torsion force is exerted on a twisting device running through the returning ends.

11. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the cable is a bundle of fibers of finite length.

12. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 11, wherein the two end parts are connected with a knot.

13. (Original) Method according claim 12, wherein a torsion force is exerted on the cable below the knot.

14. (Original) Closed loop of high performance polyethylene fibers for use as a bone-fixing tool.

15. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the method concerns fixing at least two bone parts.

16. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 8, wherein the splice comprises an air splice.

17. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the exerted force comprises a drawing force and a twisting force.

18. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the cable comprises a flat braid of high performance fibers.

19. (Currently Amended) Method of fixing bone parts comprising the sequential steps of:

placing a surgical cable having end parts around the bone parts to be fixed;

connecting the end parts of the surgical cable together;

inducing with the help of a device a tension in the surgical cable sufficient to urge the bone parts together; and

~~further tensioning the surgical cable around the objects with the help of a device; and~~

maintaining ~~a~~ the tension in the surgical cable sufficient to hold the bone parts together.

20. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 19, wherein inducing a tension comprises applying a twisting force.

21. (New) Method according to claim 19, wherein the two end parts are connected together by a knot.

22. (New) Method according to claim 19, wherein the two end parts are connected together by a splice.